

**Next Meeting
May 28th
At The Rose
Center
At 6:00PM**

Southern Heritage

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A coworker recently returned from a vacation in Charleston, managing to take in some history in spite of the rest of his party! His tour guide pointed out a house which had a wooden picket fence, stating that it had once had elaborate wrought iron. The iron fence had been donated to the war effort. The guide emphasized that the iron was never replaced, giving it as an example of how the war wasn't really over. That's a good chuckle but, how many potential current members of my family died at Stones River and Camp Chase? How many of yours are missing? Besides a country, how much future did we bury? We'll never know. It is never truly over.

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins

BIG Monument Dedication!

On June 11th, there will be a memorial and monument dedication service at the Jacksboro Cemetery near La Follette. This will be a MAJOR event with over 100 Confederate Markers in this cemetery and compatriots coming from Knoxville and North Carolina.

We will be parking at the Cumberland Crossing Shopping Center and taking a bus shuttle as parking at the cemetery is limited. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 AM. However, you should try to arrive around 10:00 AM to allow for transit to the site. This will be a very meaningful day for local Confederate history and we, the SCV, need to make all effort to support it.

Directions from Bean Station
1: Start out going SOUTH toward ROCKY SPRINGS RD. <0.1 miles
2: Turn RIGHT onto ROCKY SPRINGS RD. 0.5 miles
3: Turn RIGHT onto US-11 S/LEE HWY/US-25E N/TN-1

W/TN-32 N/DIXIE HWY. Continue to follow US-25E N/TN-32 N. 21.8 miles
4: Turn RIGHT to stay on US-25E N/TN-32 N. 9.6 miles Map
5: Turn LEFT onto TN-63. 29.9 miles
6: End at La Follette, TN US



Total Est. Time: 1 hour, 27 minutes
Total Est. Distance: 62.03 miles

[More Tennessee Soldiers from The Original Confederate Veteran Magazine. We hope you are enjoying these articles.](#)

[James C. Dodds](#)

On Dec. 6, 1903, James C. Dodds, member of IKE STONE Camp of Henderson, Tenn., died suddenly of apoplexy. His funeral was conducted according to the rites of his camp.

Comrade DODDS was a gallant soldier of the Confederate army, having served as second lieutenant of Company D, 21st Tennessee Cavalry and to his daring leadership much of the efficiency of his company was due. He was severely wounded in the shoulder at the battle of Price's X Roads, from which he suffered during the remainder of his life.

Not Surrendering
New Flag goes up

Tennessee Soldiers

More than 20 years ago this comrade originated the idea and arranged for the reunion of Confederate veterans in Henderson County, which was held near Middle Fork in Aug. ,1883. Since then thousands of people have assembled annually at that place with the veterans of the county.

[Charles E. Edmondson](#)

Charles E. Edmondson, a native of Tennessee and one of three veterans of the Confederate army living in the Tulare District of California, died at his ranch home near Tulare, on August 18, 1931, at the age of 84 years. He is survived by his wife.

Born at McMinnville, in Warren County, Tenn., Charles Edmondson grew up in that community and from there entered the ranks of the Confederacy as one of the boys soldiers-' the seed corn of the Confederacy'. He took part in a number of campaigns, though only 18 when the war ended, and was taken prisoner once. Some 50 years ago he removed to California, and had lived in the Tulare District about 23 years. He had been in feeble health for some time, and practically blind the last few years.

His funeral was from the First Christian Church of Tulare, and burial in the cemetery at that place.

Visit the following for more if you can't wait on next month's issue.

<http://www.tngenweb.org/civilwar/confvet/enames>

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New Flag Day at Bethesda Church

As most of you will know, our 30 foot flag pole at Bethesda Church is one of our camp's prouder achievements. However, our beloved Third National flag has come to look more like one of the tattered veterans that we see in museums than the proud banner originally placed here.



Remains of our "First" flag.

The camp has been working for some time on the acquisition and installation of a suitable replacement to stand guard over the Confederate dead.



New banner on its way up!

April 2nd turned out to be the day. The faithful, but tired, flag came down for the last time and the new went up to begin its time of service. There is always something special about the first one and discussions are underway as to what will be done with the retired flag, so stay tuned.



The new flag takes station.

No, We Are Not Surrendering

(Dixie Battle plans)
By J.J. Johnson -
Published: 01.31.01

Yes, I was hurt too, Dixie. Mad enough to spit nails. But it's time to brush the dust off ourselves, regroup, and move forward. I have seen much of the commentary on how many people feel about the Georgia Flag vote. I know many of you are ready to give up. Frankly, so am I. But, the only thing I am prepared to give up, is the way we're fighting. It's time to adopt a bold course. So, c'mon Southern Brothers - let's get to work.

From Appomattox to Atlanta, we have suffered defeat after defeat. Since this is, to some degree, an ongoing war, let's look at this mess from a battlefield strategy.

First, our weaknesses (their strength):

We've learned from the Georgia mess that this is not about race, but money and extortion -- pure and simple. The enemy will, of course, keep reminding everyone that it IS a racial issue in order to keep us on the defensive, and the morale of their troops up. But in reality, it's about money.

We are being ambushed on multiple fronts by the well funded enemy. Thus, the time for recruitment (badly needed as always) is continuously lessened by us spreading ourselves too thin. Thus, we are unable to fully respond to the latest threat. Only a few southern foundations (read: staging areas) have been created.

We know the territory, but they know the boundaries. Hence, we have been forced to concentrate in a given area (Dixie); we are being surrounded, and they are on the march (latest stop - Atlanta)

They have a clear agenda, and have laid out the means to achieve it. Here 's the mandate from the NAACP: "...within this decade we will have succeeded in removing every monument of every description dedicated to the Confederacy that adorns public property in the State of Texas. Our brothers and sisters all across the South will have

succeeded in the same manner within their respective states....."

-----NAACP Conference, Houston, Texas, July 3,1998

Well, at least that last one should keep you motivated. But what's more important to note, doesn't this look like the same position we were in 136 years ago? From what I know about the War, here's my opinion of why we lost:

We were gentleman about the whole thing.

For the most part, we stayed on the defensive - defending our Constitution and our homes

Funding dried up due in part to a successful Federal Naval campaign/blockade. In modern day terms this would be described as a 'boycott '.

So, fine. A) Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. B) And when an enemy keeps getting the upper hand, you must learn, and if necessary adapt their own strategies. C) Wars are not won by one great victory, but by consecutively winning the small battles one by one, and reducing the enemies' will to fight.

From the enemy's mandate, the mission is clear: Saving the Southern Culture, State Sovereignty, educating the population as to the nature and cause of this contest, and keeping forever the respect and memory of those who died fighting for it. To fight any battle, all that's needed is fuel and information. Any well-motivated army can do the rest. No more eating, meeting and retreating, gentleman. Time for them to feel our pain.

First, let's talk fuel. In today's political warfare, that fuel is \$money\$. For this, a little history lesson: Remember last year when Jesse Jackson went to Decatur, Illinois, to fight for the right of several adolescent thugs -- terrorizing the entire local school system in the process? Appalled, weren't you? Guess what? You were supposed to be. Getting mad over it kept most folks from wondering how he could even pull it off. Think about the hotel and travel costs when Jesse goes anywhere. Bodyguards, lawyers, et

cetera. That takes BEAUCOUP money.

n any given day, there is another heritage violation somewhere. In most cases, the locals are on their own, since a "strike team" can't be there in a moment's notice. These little battles have been won and lost due to how much funding is available for the "troops in the field". I know. I've been on the short end of this many times. At the Jarbridge Shovel Brigade of July 4th in Northern Rural Nevada, the 10,000 expected turned out to be only 2500 due to the cost of not only getting people there, but taking care of them while they were there.

We need to reach the Southern Businessmen. Those whose roots are in the South, believe in the Cause, and are willing to help. Sadly, a few dollars won't help. Long Term: we are talking thousands, or even more. But why should any Southern businessman throw away money after such a cause? Rallies? Protests? Buy more flags? Answer to the Southern Businessman: Learn from the enemies' tactics. We must become an absolute nuisance to them. This will: a) put THEM on the defensive; b) carry the message out; and c) make the next person not want to go through the headaches we give.

For example: Wouldn't it be nice if every time a child was thrown out of school for wearing a Confederate flag, it was GUARANTEED that such a school would have at least 200 huge Confederate Flags marching around it within 48 hours - for a whole day or longer? At the same time, there should be contact persons (established regionally), ready to talk to any school official face to face to lobby for justice. Public Relations personnel to place Press Releases in the hands of the local media. People ready to offer lodging to "strike team members" from other areas. Planned and organized days where nearly the entire student body wears Confederate colors to school. If the school has to

No, We Are Not Surrendering Continued

close for a day -- SO WHAT! Sounds crazy, right?

Yeah, Black folks thought so, too, when it was first proposed. Then it caught on. Impossible? Only if we don't believe in why we're doing it. The point being that it takes organization, not just a rally or griping about how bad it is. There is another offensive move on foot that should be considered by many other rural areas in Dixie. Some folks in Georgia aren't giving up yet. Mike Crane of Fannin County, Georgia, attended a Townhall Commission meeting to propose adopting "Georgia's true State flag" as the "County flag" for Fannin County. I highly endorse this move for Fannin, and other rural counties as well. Simply proposing to add the St. Andrews Cross to an existing county flag (and pushing for it hard) is a bonafide offensive move, can keep the colors flying, and gives the opposition to many battles in different places.

Jeff Mock also wants to get this moving in Walton County, Georgia. Give these folks credit for thinking "outside of the box". And give 'em all the support you can. As for politics, those who vote against Southern Heritage should face two election battles, not just one. First in the primary, then the general election. This means, we'll need True Southerners from both parties -- ready to sign up, with troops ready to help them.

These are not pipe dreams, folks. These are just some of the goals that can be laid out, and made into workable plans. Think to yourselves: has this ever been done before in America? All of this will take money, and good strong leadership on the ground in Dixie. The money should be raised nationwide, but administered in Dixie, by trustworthy stewards. This winter and spring, I will be speaking to many Southerners in person at numerous events. I am asking that businessmen who love the South to please attend. I will be promoting these ideas, and will push for more detailed discussions on how to achieve them. Let's take what lessons have been learned from past movements in the South, and make them really work FOR the South this time.

One more thing before cleaning off my grays and getting back to the battlefield: To the church congregations: No movement in this nation has ever been successful without you. Talk to your ministers and fellow parishioners. More than ever, we need good, solid Christian people taking the lead, and supporting the troops. Let's start getting some clergymen on record on the South. I know -- tough call. No one wants to be labeled. But there's no better way than to just say it: (and you can tell your friends these words came from a Black man)

There's nothing shameful about being a White Southern Christian! There is nothing shameful about having ancestors who fought --and died-- for the Confederacy. It is wrong to be attacked and assaulted simply for what you believe; yet, it is happening, people -- the tables have turned. And, it will get worse if too many of you simply do nothing, accept it, and say "that's just the way it is". Yes, contrary to the Dixie Media, you do have rights -- even White people. Anyone who dares say otherwise is violating YOUR civil liberties. Stop hanging your heads down in shame and defeat, unless you want your children and grandchildren to face even more oppression in the future. Hold that head up, and straighten out that back. It's okay to be an American -- without any prefix.

Look in the mirror. Think you're just one person? You are one of God's greatest gifts. If you still believe in what we are fighting for, then the South needs you. The West needs you. American needs you. And I need you. For Dixie,

J.J. Johnson

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If it Played in New England, Why Not in Dixie?

For several years I worked with a man, born in the South, who had considered me a traitor to the United States because I have supported the Southern cause and because I believe in secession and states rights. It is more than a bit ironic that I, born and raised in the North, have chosen, through the understanding of history I have been given, to support the

South, while this man, born and raised in the South, has chosen to support Lincoln and the Union. Anytime I ever mentioned secession within his hearing, I have seen smoke come out of his ears and he has walked away sputtering about traitors and treason. I can only assume that whatever education this man had has worked to make him ashamed of his

Southern heritage to the point where he can not do anything but blindly defend Lincoln and the Union and all Lincoln stood for, as if he somehow manages to cleanse his political soul by so doing.

When it comes to secession, all we ever hear about are those nasty, racist, Southern folks who tried to secede and tear the country apart just so



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

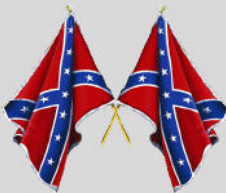
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Don't forget the
Jacksboro
Cemetery on
June 11th
(see front page)

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If it Played in New England, continued

they could keep their slaves (although they could have kept them by staying in the Union). How many "history" books in government schools have ever taught that secession was considered a right by all states in the country up until Fort Sumter in 1861? I've never seen a government school history text that did, even back when I was in school. Few "history" books mention that, in our early days, it was the Northern states that pushed the envelope on the secession question when they couldn't get their way.

Thomas DiLorenzo, in his excellent book "The Real Lincoln" has noted that the New Englanders were early in the push for secession for their section of the country. DiLorenzo has noted that: "Massachusetts Senator Timothy Pickering led a movement to have the New England states secede from the Union." Pickering said "I will rather anticipate a new confederacy, exempt from the corrupt and corrupting influence of the aristocratic Democrats of the South. There will be a separation and the black and white populations will mark the boundary." Sounds a bit racist to me! Pickering wrote that in 1803, just slightly before the secession of South Carolina in 1860! DiLorenzo also observed that: "Pickering's colleague, Senator James Hillhouse, agreed, saying, 'The Eastern States must and will dissolve the union and form a separate government.' 'The Northern States must be governed by Virginia or must govern Virginia' warned Aaron Burr." That last statement seems almost prophetic.

Few history books have even bothered to mention that, in De-

cember of 1814, the New England states held a secession convention in Hartford, Connecticut (hardly the heart of Dixie). Although they did not end up formally seceding, the New England states never questioned their own right to do so. Professor DiLorenzo has noted that: "Pickering and Governor Strong of Massachusetts nevertheless predicted that the Union would not last. When the war (of 1812) ended, so did the Federalist Party's efforts to have New England secede from the Union. Throughout this whole ordeal no one ever made a principled argument against a state's right of secession." DiLorenzo has told us, and there is information on this to be had from other sources, (just not in government school history texts) that even the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware considered seceding to form a "central confederacy" as kind of a buffer between the New England and Deep South states. It would appear they did not consider secession to be treason at that time, either.

Professor DiLorenzo has informed us that! "Historian William C. Wright found that of the 101 New York newspapers that existed in 1861, and could be located, 46 advocated some form of secession, mostly peaceful separation of the Southern states. None of them endorsed New York State's joining the Southern Confederacy; but some, such as the "Albany Atlas and Argus" advocated joining the Central Confederacy."

Professor DiLorenzo, in concluding the first chapter of his book, made this statement: "A war was not necessary to free the slaves, but it was necessary

to destroy the most significant check on the powers of the central government: the right of secession."

What it all amounts to is that Lincoln fought a war to make sure the entire country was put in bondage to the central government. When that happened in Russia with Lenin in 1917 we called it Bolshevism, or Communism, and thinking people (not liberals) condemned it. What should we call it in this country? Well, the socialist and collectivist big government types from Lincoln right on down gave it a title we are all familiar with. They called it "preserving the Union." Lenin would have loved it, but then, he would have loved Lincoln, too--birds of a feather, you know.

Al Benson's Newsletter

The name of the newsletter is The Copperhead Chronicle. I publish it four times a year for a subscription price of \$8.00 per year. Each issue is eight pages in length. I deal a lot with historical issues concerning the War Between the States, but also with some contemporary issues.

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